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Six Part Drama

SYNOPSIS:

Estelle Graydon, an English girl, marries Hadjid Ben Khedim, the son of Cassim Ben Khedim, the sheik of one of the wandering tribes in Arabia. Hadjid had been educated in Europe but upon his return to the desert again comes under the influence of the customs and superstitions of his race. Hadjid's father and his household have accepted Estelle, and the marriage has proved all that the romantic English girl dreamed. A daughter is born to them and despite the love Hadjid bears for Estelle he grieves because he has no son and heir. Cassim, his father, reproaches the son and urges that he take Khalila, the daughter of Ben-el-Kebil as his second legal wife. Sir Thomas Powell, in command of the British troops stationed at Akaba, makes an inspection trip to the hills during the summer maneuvers. Charles Courtney, an English naval officer, who was once in love with Estelle, visits Akaba. Sir Thomas, upon paying his visit to Hadjid's headquarters, asks permission to see his old friend Estelle. Hadjid refuses, because custom has ruled that women of the harem shall not receive male guests. Estelle asks Sir Thomas to meet her near the ruins of Isis that she may learn news of her people in London. A spy tells the sheik, and Hadjid orders Sir Thomas from the camp. Courtney on his arrival at the camp of Sir Thomas is told by the English officer of the incident at the sheik's camp. This same day Estells receives a cablegram telling that her father is ill and asking that she go home. Estelle sends a note by a loyal maid to Courtney's camp, asking him to explain to her people why she cannot return. In the meantime, Hadjid decides to take Khalila to wife. He tells his purpose to Estelle and explains that it is only so that there may be an heir to his line. Estelle steals from the tent with her child and the maid and tries to escape to Akaba. Hadjid overtakes them and brings her back to camp. Courtney upon receipt of Estelle's note decides to go to her at once. Guided by the maid, he reaches the tent of Hadjid and cuts his way through the walls. Khalia sees this violation and of the harem and notifies the sheik. Hadjid orders Courtney bound and executed. The civilization he had acquired in Europe prompts him to give Courtney a chance and the two men meet in a duel. Courtney is killed. Hadjid determines to drive the infidels from the plains and his tribesmen ride out to attack Sir Thomas and his troops. Love for her own government prompts Estelle to send a warning to Sir Thomas. The warning arrives in time to accomplish the defeat of Hadjid's men. They are driven back to their camp and Hadjid takes refuge in the tent with Estelle. When overwhelmed, Sir Thomas grants freedom to Hadjid if he and his tribe leave the hills. Hadjid accepts and tells Sir Thomas that all that he wishes is to be permitted to go with his wife and child. His second marriage to Khalial is never consummated.

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